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Letter dated 3 September 1991 from the Permanent Representatives of France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from our Governments, we have the honour to transmit to you applications from Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania for membership in the United Nations (see annexes I-III).

Those three States intend to undertake intensive consultations with a view to being admitted to the United Nations at an early date, so as to be able to participate in the work of the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session.

We should be grateful if you would have the three applications for membership and this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 20 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Jean-Bernard MERIMEE
Permanent Representative of France

(Signed) Sir David HANNAY
Permanent Representative of the
United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland

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ANNEX I

Letter dated 30 August 1991 from the Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Estonia addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Republic of Estonia and in my capacity as Chairman of the Supreme Council, I have the honour to inform you that the Republic of Estonia herewith applies for membership in the United Nations.

I would be grateful if you would place the present application before the Security Council at the earliest opportunity.

A declaration made in pursuance of rule 134 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and rule 58 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Security Council is set out hereunder.

Declaration

In connection with the application of the Republic of Estonia for membership in the United Nations, I have the honour, on behalf of the Republic of Estonia and in my capacity as Chairman of the Supreme Council, to declare that the Republic of Estonia accepts the obligations contained in the Charter of the United Nations and solemnly undertakes to fulfil them.

(Signed) Arnold RÜÜTEL
Chairman of the Supreme Council
Republic of Estonia

ANNEX II

Letter dated 30 August 1991 from the Vice-Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Latvia addressed to the Secretary-General

The Republic of Latvia, having enjoyed statehood and participated as a full-fledged member in the activities of international organizations until the Second World War, and taking into consideration the declarations of 4 May 1990 and 21 August 1991 by the Supreme Council of the Republic of Latvia, which restored the sovereign power of the State of Latvia, which was abolished by foreign forces in 1940, is now once again an independent State.

The Republic of Latvia is fully executing government control in all its territory and is pursuing peaceful policies in accordance with the principles and purposes of the United Nations.

Permit me, in accordance with the 4 May 1990, and 21 August 1991 declarations of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Latvia, to request the participation of the Republic of Latvia as an equal member of the world community of nations. Please regard the present letter as a formal application for membership by the Republic of Latvia to the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Believing that our request will be favourably received, the Republic of Latvia formally assumes the obligations of the Charter of the United Nations, which it is able and willing to carry out.

The Republic of Latvia would be very grateful for debate concerning the present request to be given precedence and for the opportunity for a delegation from the Republic of Latvia to participate in the next session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

(Signed) Dainis ĪVĀNS
Vice-Chairman
Supreme Council
Republic of Latvia

ANNEX III

Letter dated 29 August 1991 from the President of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania addressed to the Secretary-General

The Republic of Lithuania, having a centuries-long history of statehood, participated in the activities of international organizations until the Second World War as a full-fledged member. The Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania, by the declaration of 11 March 1991, restored the execution of sovereign power of the State of Lithuania, abolished by foreign forces in 1940, and is once again an independent State.

The Republic of Lithuania is fully executing governing control over all its territory and is pursuing peaceful policies in accordance with the principles and purposes of the United Nations.

Permit me, in accordance with the 11 February 1991 Declaration of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Lithuania on the Participation of the Republic of Lithuania as an Equal Member of the World Community of Nations, by the present letter to submit a request for the admission of the Republic of Lithuania into the United Nations in accordance with Article 4 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Believing that our request will be favourably received, the Republic of Lithuania formally assumes the obligations of the Charter of the United Nations, which it is able and willing to carry out.

The Republic of Lithuania would be very grateful for debate concerning the present request to be given precedence and for the opportunity for a delegation from the Republic of Lithuania to participate in the next session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

(Signed) Vytautas LANDSBERGIS